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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR: THEIR TRILATERALS, FRIENDS,
NATO, IDP AID, AND NAWAZ

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b), (d).

11. (C) Summary: The Ambassador, accompanied by EmbOffs, met May 20 with Turkish Ambassador Soysal and other Turkish counterparts. The Turkish
12. (C) Summary continued: Turkish President Gul would call President Zardari May 22 to offer an aid package for internally displaced persons (
13. (S) Turkish Embassy Participants: Ambassador Engin Soysal, DCM Semih Luffu Turgut, Army/Air Attache Colonel Nuri Gayir, Naval Attache Erhar
Their Trilaterals
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14. (C) Soysal described the trilateral meetings by Turkey, Afghanistan and Pakistan, dating back to April 2007. Those three meetings had been
15. (C) The GOT had witnessed first-hand a deterioration in the relationship between the Karzai-Musharraf administrations over the first three
16. (C) Soysal was proud the Turkish-sponsored trilaterals had
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matured beyond joint statements; now, the three countries needed to implement their decisions. There had already been trilateral training oppor
game.
17. (S) Ambassador Patterson briefed Soysal on our own recent trilateral summit. The U.S.-Afghanistan-Pakistan meetings complemented Turkey's f
18. (C) Turkey was receptive to Zardari's suggestion for a regional summit, not just trilateral, to include all of Afghanistan's neighbors, sai
Friends of Pakistan
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19. (C) Speaking of the calendar, Soysal turned to the "Friends of Democratic Pakistan" initiative, informing the Ambassador that the GOP aimed
20. (C) The DCM stressed that Friends not morph in to a donors forum, which was the GOP's inclination. Also, membership in the group had expar
Initiatives for NATO
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21. (C) The Turkish Embassy in Islamabad has taken on the task of NATO coordinator, at least on political issues, among members' missions and
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22. (C) Turkish Ambassador Soysal noted President Obama's recent trip to Turkey had been very positive and hoped for increased coordination be
The IDP Challenge
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23. (C) The Turkish Ambassador complimented the U.S. on its May 19 announcement to provide \$110 million in direct assistance to Pakistan's int
24. (C) However, it appeared the GOP did not have a clear timeline for the offensive operations in Swat, Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP), s
Thoughts on Nawaz
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25. (C) Soysal met one-on-one with opposition Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) leader Nawaz Sharif in Lahore the week of May 11. Nawaz underst
26. (C) While tit-for-tat politics would eventually return, Soysal thought the international community should encourage for as long as possibl
27. (C) Comment: This was the first meeting between the two embassies in this format, which parallels a similar dialogue we have with the U.K.
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